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TOPIC Altenburg Airfield		
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REMARKS		
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1. The following flying was observed at Altenburg airfield between 15 and 25 April 1951:

15 April. At 6:15 a.m., a twin-engine transport took off. Two aircraft made local flights at 12:30 p.m.

16 April. At 10:30 a.m., two twin-jet aircraft made 40-minute practice flights over the field. Four jet fighters practiced diving over the field at 2:10 p.m.

17 April. At 4:30 p.m., four transports took off. Four parachutists jumped from two planes and twelve jumps were made from each of the other two planes. Two biplanes made practice flights.

18 April. A twin-engine plane with double elliptical rudder assembly circled over the field at 3 p.m.

19 April. At 7:15 a.m., three transports practiced take offs and landings. Transports made night flights at 9:30 p.m. with searchlights and boundary lights in operation.

20 April. Four biplanes continually practiced take offs and landings between 10:15 a.m. and 1:10 p.m. One parachutist jumped from each plane. Two transports made practice flights at 4:15 p.m.

21 April. A transport practiced flying between 6:30 and 9:30 a.m. About 10 to 12 parachute jumps were made from each of four transports at 5:35 p.m. Source observed at the landing area southwest of Dolsenhain (N 52/K 37) that the parachutes dropped were tissue paper chutes with suspended wooden dummies. They were picked up by four motor vehicles.

22 April. A transport left at 9:15 a.m.

24 April. Three transports practiced take offs and landings at 8:10 a.m.

25 April. At 2:10 p.m. a biplane and a single-engine plane circled over the field.*

No flights were made on 23, 26 and 28 April.

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_____ said that about one third of the soldiers stationed at the field wore dark uniforms. He also stated that several Soviet soldiers in one room were folding and packing parachutes.

3. On 18 April, soldiers were setting up two fuel containers between the dismantled hangars and were installing fire-fighting equipment nearby. Each container was twice as large as a railroad tank car in diameter and length. Two sentries guarded the containers. A board fence, 3 meters high, was being erected at the rear of the containers. Laborers at the field said that fuel for jet planes was stored in the containers. New trenches were being dug behind the dismantled hangars. Two towers which were believed to be DF stations were seen east of the railroad siding in line with the intact hangar. *** A braced radio mast and a motor vehicle were near the firing ranges in the cleared area north of the field.

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4. The field was still occupied by 28 twin-engine transports between 1 and 6 May. There was no flying.

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- * _____ Comment. The type of both the aircraft and the flying activity indicates that the airfield is still occupied by the same air transport regiment previously reported. The regiment is equipped with 36 IL-2s.

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_____ previously reported by _____ The purpose of the towers has not been determined. For sketch of tower, see Annex.

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